

# THE HUMMER

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## Is It Right.

Many of the laws of Mississippi keep capital from coming to our state and by that they have caused Mississippi to be classed the poorest state in the the Union. With "enlightened lawmakers" why should this be true?

Taxes now are SURE than death. Sometimes you can put death off by living right—but taxes, no stir, it's regular as the sun on its merry round.

It would be all right if the taxes were not so unequal. Is there a remedy and who is the doctor?

Is it right to tax property out of proportion to what it brings to the owner? For instance, you own 100 acres of gully land, not an inch of it in cultivation. At present say it is assessed at two dollars per acre. You buy several hundred pounds of dynamite to level the gullies and spend other money for labor getting it in shape to plow. Now the land looks good and somebody comes along and RAISES the assessment up to five or ten dollars. You know it will take at least four or five years to realize what was spent on improvement, but in the meantime the tax comes hot and heavy. Is that right? Property should be taxed in proportion to what it produces.

In other states that is the law and those states thrive—they live. Why can't Mississippi do likewise?

No wonder capital shuns our state and it's all because some of our late lawmakers and officers had too many fingers in the pie—too many grafting grabbers in the annual slice—too many greedy gumps "getting their's."

The Hummer wants to see our state prosper and cut unjust taxation.

## Echoes From the Election.

It is amusing to read the exchanges of this week telling the news of the late election. Very few of the papers on the winning side have tried to rub it in, while most of the papers on the defeated side passed it off with jokes and good natured funnyisms.

Some cried "Shame, shame" while others cried "Thank God." A few came out with the hint of "We told you so" and others sang the swan song of a great trip up "Salt River" on the big ship "Defeat." One paper printed a picture of a big ship ready to take the losers, candidates and voters, all up the imaginary Salt River, where peace and condolences reign supreme.

Some "swingers" were elected and many were not. Line ups failed to work in many places while at others it went like a steam roller.

A few men and some writers in the papers moanfully declared that Mississippi had gone to hell and the people should move to another state. Other men and papers by the dozens declared it the greatest victory for the people ever pulled off in the south. Some declared that it meant peace and prosperity for the next eight or twelve years while others declared it only the forerunner of strife and backward legislation. Some declared that laws will be steamed rolled to bankrupt the state while others declared that laws will be passed to bring Mississippi out of financial oblivion. To some it was a triumph of good government and to others a triumph of graft and crookedness. Some say the state has now the cleanest set of officers ever elected while others say they are the worst and a disgrace to our country.

Whatever the other papers say, The Hummer will remain neutral. We will boost Mississippi as of former issues of this paper will always strive to help make the administration of the Democratic nominees a success from first to last.

Thru it all we are satisfied with what the majority said and will not knock any man who holds office in good old Mississippi.

We also hope that the committee will find a true count of the ballots.

## Indigo Blues.

Can you blame a farmer for being a little blue when his crop is burning up? With the best prospects few weeks ago for a bumper crop and now that nearly all hope for it is shattered by the drouth no wonder long faces are in evidence.

But everybody will have to take it as it comes—so we just as well smile, for frowning or grouching over the situation won't help it.

On this crop is staked the LIFE of thousands—of millions. Our people do not deserve this fate of a half crop for if ever a people worked for a living this year is the time. Money, brains and energy have worked together to make this year the banner year. May it yet redeem itself for the people.

Think about these five words—TAXATION IN PROPORTION TO PRODUCTION.

## Here's Hoping.

That everybody will forget the little animosities brought on by the election and go to work to upbuild our homes, county and state.

That such words "High-brow"—"Low-brow"—"Hill-billy" and "Red-neck" will forever be eliminated from all conversation and newspaper reading.

That all the past "raking invective" will be pushed further and further into the wastebasket of oblivion.

That everybody will abide by the democratic ruling of the majority.

That the second primary will pass off without fuss or fight.

And here's hoping, honestly and sincerely, that it will RAIN.

## Working Together.

A governor has been elected to serve Mississippi for the next four years and it is our duty to help make his administration a success.

The others of the elected will come together in the shaping of future Mississippi and that shaping MUST be RIGHT if Mississippi expects to LIVE.

It is therefore our earnest wish that all the officers of our future government will be in accord with the great upbuilding plans of our state and not in accord with the friction of frenzy and financial failure.

If we work against an officer we are working against the state that we hope will never be done by any Mississippian.

To help the elected strive for success is the policy of The Hummer from now on, and the county officers will be the first for direct attention. They are the men who need the co-operation of the voters more than any officer in the state.

Let's all get together to help our supervisors first for they come nearer to our pocketbook than any officer of the of the chosen few.

## Getting Ready for the Second Primary.

The first primary was strenuous and cost lots of money but the second will surpass it when it comes to real "scouring the county for the final vote.

Good men went down in defeat and good men are yet in the run off for victory. It was by far the biggest bunch of surprises ever pulled off in the county.

But the winners are BUSY. Their minds spread from hither to you and they are scheming every way under the sun to get elected. But nothing underhanded is attempted or will be, for Chickasaw has MEN who believe that right is greater than might and that fairness is the best policy.

Every man has the situation "doped out" according to his own "figgers" and naturally some of those figures will be changed on the 24th. The cohorts of each man are busy day and night. Letters by the hundreds flow thru the mails and personal solicitation is the frenzied feeling for the next few days.

## Will You Help.

A county paper can only help by everlastingly hammering at it. If it can get things "on the mind" of the readers that puts talk in the mouth and action in their system.

The Hummer wants to enlist every paper in the state to get in line for a big fight for fairness and right. We want to see how many papers will cut out politics and work for Mississippi's LIFE. Are you ready? We are, and here is our list for a beginning:

For taxation in proportion to production.  
For the establishment of official service on salary basis.

For better feeling between town and country.  
For better teachers and better public schools.  
For better roads as far as the money goes.  
For more church work among thousands who NEVER opened a Bible.

For a greater reverence for Church and Sunday School.  
For a greater enthusiasm for "Grown and Made in Mississippi."

For better development of our own resources.  
For more reading of books, newspapers and magazines.  
For the elimination of worry—gloom—grouches and frowns.

For more smiles, handshakes, good laughs, cheerfulness and good humor.  
For better get together for good while the need is great.

For a greater and grander glory for our good old Mississippi—now and forever.

Help the next officers of Mississippi to make good.

Will the next legislature redeem Mississippi by passing laws for tax equalization. We hope so.

A road law that all should remember—When an auto comes up behind a vehicle the man in front should turn to the RIGHT, the auto then passing on to the left.

## To the Voters of Chickasaw County.

My duties and business at home make it impracticable for me to make another canvass of the county before the 2nd primary. I take this method of expressing to you my sincerest thanks for your loyalty in the first and asking your support in the second. If elected, as I have said throughout the campaign, I shall stand for equal rights to all and special privileges to none, expenditures within the revenues, measures looking forward to a more just equalization of state tax, some of the offices on a salary where they pay too much on fee basis. I shall stand opposed to too much legislation and unnecessary legislation. My text shall be "Is it right and best for the people of my state?" The office barely pays expenses but it is very important to the people. You have been good to me. I want to be elected your Senator sorely that I may give some of the best efforts of my young manhood to the service of the State. No one would appreciate your support more than I. I shall be glad to address the people of the County when requested to do so.

JOE H. FORD.

## To the Voters of Chickasaw County:

I want to thank you one and all for your support on the third. Words fail to express my gratitude. I intend to see each one of you before the 2nd primary which is the 24th, if possible, and should I fail to see you, I hereby solicit your support.

Joe L. Davis,  
Candidate for Sheriff.

### Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as substituted trustee, in a certain Deed of Trust executed on the 7th day of June 1912, by A. C. Ball, to the Gracia Bank and due January 1st 1913, said deed of trust being recorded in book 105, page 219 of the records of deeds in the office of the chancery clerk at Houston, Miss., Chickasaw County, and default having been made in the payment of same, and I having been requested by the beneficiary will on

Monday the 6th day of Sept. 1915 offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in front of the east door of the court house in the town of Houston, Mississippi, within legal hours, the following described property located in Chickasaw county, State of Mississippi.

The S-E 1-4 and the S-W 1-4, except a strip containing 28 acres off of the West side and the 6 acre block near center of North side of S-W 1-4 and described in deed as running South 140 yards thence East 210 yards, thence North 140 yards, thence West 210 yards to point of beginning. All in Section 27, Township 15, Range 1, East, intending to convey all the land I own in Chickasaw county, with all improvements thereon.

Said property is to be sold to satisfy said deed of trust. I will only convey such title as is vested in me as substituted trustee. Witness my signature this the 28th day of July 1915.

W. J. Beasley,  
Substitute Trustee.

### Trustee Sale Notice.

By virtue of the provisions of a certain Deed of Trust executed on the 27th day of October, 1913, by Chickasaw Cotton Oil Company, through L. E. Brevard, President of said Cotton Oil Company, and S. D. Murphree, Secretary and Treasurer thereof, which said Deed of Trust was executed to me as Trustee to secure a certain indebtedness therein mentioned to J. B. and Robert York, which said Deed of Trust is of record in Book 110, at Page 322, of the Trust Deed records of Chickasaw County, Mississippi, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein mentioned, I will, as said Trustee, in said Deed of Trust, on

Saturday August 14th 1915, sell, for cash, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, within legal hours, in front of the East door of the Court House in the town of Houston, Chickasaw County, Mississippi, the following described property, situated in said town, County and State, to-wit: Lots 57 and 58, according to the Griffin survey of the town of Houston, Mississippi. Also the Chickasaw Cotton Oil Company's plant, including all machinery apparatus, furniture, fixtures and tools.

The title to the above property is believed to be good, but I will sell and convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

This July 7th 1915.

Geo. Harsh, Trustee.

**Baxter N. Knox**  
**Attorney-at-Law**

Office over Tabb Bros., Drug Store  
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